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**GOVERNOR PATRICK NOMINATES ESTEEMED BOSTON LAWYER TO  
THE SUPERIOR COURT**

BOSTON - Friday, December 28, 2007 - Governor Patrick today announced the nomination of Christine M. Roach to fill a vacancy on the Massachusetts Superior Court. Roach, a litigator with the Boston law firm, Roach & Carpenter, also serves as Special Outside Counsel to the City of Boston.

"Christine Roach has an impeccable reputation as a diligent and highly ethical advocate who commands the respect of the entire legal community," said Governor Patrick.

Roach, 53, founded and shared one of Boston's first all-women law practices with other highly regarded attorneys, including the late SJC Justice Martha Sosman, the late Ellen Carpenter, and current Superior Court Associate Justice Leila Kern. Roach was appointed to a five-year term as a Commissioner of the State Ethics Commission in 2000 and has served as a Special Master to the Superior Court.

Roach engages in a diverse civil practice in business litigation with an emphasis in employment defense, banking and real estate litigation. She is a Harvard Law School graduate and former law clerk to the late Honorable David S. Nelson of the United States District Court.

This nomination follows the Governor's Council's recent confirmation of the Governor Patrick's three nominees to the Appeals Court. Roach will fill a vacancy on the Superior Court created by former Associate Justice Nonnie S. Burnes, who stepped down from the bench to lead the state's insurance division.

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